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## HUTTING CONTRACTS.

## MORE LIGHT ON SIR J. JACKSON'S OFFER.

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Many weeks ago was published a report of the Committee of Public Accounts which threw a good deal of light upon the Army and Navy expenditure during the first year of the war. Prominence was given in the report to the cost of hutting for the training of troops in England, and the story was told of a large contractor who offered to build huts at cost price, and afterwards, while the work was in hand and the orders given to him were consequently increased, demanded a commission.

What doubt there was as to the identity of the contractor was dispelled when Sir John Jackson, on behalf of his firm, Sir J. Jackson, Limited, defended his action, and declared that though the commission paid was £150,000 on an expenditure of nearly £4,000,000, this was only about a fourth of the usual contractor's charges.

The Blue Book containing the evidence on which the Committee founded their report has since been issued, and we give below some of the principal passages from it with reference to the hutting contracts. It may be added that a few days after the report was published Mr. Forster, on behalf of the War Office, announced that Sir John Jackson, Ltd., had consented to a reduction of their commission from 5 to 4 per cent.

## WITHOUT PROFIT.

Major-General Sir George H. Scott-Moncrieff was the principal witness in this matter. He related that on August 7th, three days after the declaration of war, the contractor made an offer to Lord Kitchener to carry out anywhere any work which might be entrusted to him, placing his firm unreservedly at the disposal of the War Office, and promising that if he were given a free hand he would do the work without profit, "on the basis of pure patriotism." His offer was cordially accepted, and on August 23rd he started work on one of the large hutting camps.

The idea seemed so good that Sir George sent an officer round to a lot of other contractors asking them whether they would come to the aid of the Government in this national emergency. One of the firms gave their services for nothing, and there were others who asked only for the payment of certain fees. A firm of Canadian engineers approached him, and said they would do the work for nothing, and they had done magnificent work.

When the war had been going on about a month, Sir George got a letter from the original contractor, saying that if he was asked to do more than the three weeks arranged for he must ask for a 5 per cent. commission.

## UNFAIR TO OTHERS.

In reply, Sir George wrote:—On the strength of your original proposal I recommended to the Army Council that your patriotic offer of assistance should be accepted. But when it means a question of payment on a percentage basis it ceases to be on the same footing, and I feel I cannot recommend it in the same way.

The reason of this is that, in a matter of business profit, we should be giving you an opportunity which is denied to others. We have received offers from other eminent engineers. We have accepted one of these on the same non-profit terms as those hitherto arranged with yourself. I have no doubt others would accept those terms, but even if they did not there are many who would be glad to tender if it were a question of a substantial net profit without risk. If we now alter the terms arranged with you, it will place us in a position open to the severest criticism.

The "Firm" was asked to accept a fee rather than a percentage, but Sir John Jackson refused, and the matter was then handed over to the Financial Branch of the War Office to deal with.

## AN INQUIRY.

Sir George, in his evidence, stated that, at his invitation a committee of the Institute of Civil Engineers had visited all the large hutting camps and reported on the work. They also passed judgment on the question of percentage to contractors in these terms:—

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be excessive on work up to £100,000, but we are strongly of opinion that in the case of larger amounts a smaller commission is sufficient, and that the rate of commission should diminish rapidly as the expenditure increases.

"Then the fact is, Sir George, that this agent really was permitted to use what I must describe as a bogus offer to do something for a time for nothing, in order to secure himself free from competition in the payment of a very full commission?"

The question was put by Sir Henry Craik, and Sir George replied:—"Yes. I do not altogether think that it was a bogus offer."

And that was permitted by the Financial Secretary and his assistant?—It was permitted by the Financial Secretary.

## CRAIK'S STORY.

Sir George was asked why, when the contractor said he would not go on doing it "for love," the tenders were not put out again to other people.

The negotiations with him took some little time, and we could not stop," was the reply. "We asked him if he would go on with other work, and he said yes, he would, and then he raised the question about the percentage."

It was Major Harold Baker, M.P., the Financial Secretary of the War Office, who, at a later sitting of the Committee, continued the story of the contract after it passed out of Sir George Scott-Moncrieff's hands. A day after the contractor had returned a flat negative to the proposal that he should work for a fee and not on a percentage basis, he was writing:—"I do not feel that this is a business affair in the ordinary way at all; we must do the best we can from patriotic feelings in every way."

Major Baker added:—"I mention that because I should like the Committee to understand that, although we knew that the patriotic offer had been withdrawn, I and Sir Charles Harris and the other people who were dealing with this matter were again faced with a reiteration of patriotic protestations."

"I venture to say that under all the circumstances we had no reason for mistrusting them. The principal agent is a person of very considerable standing in the commercial world, who has had distinctions which are quite well-known to members of this Committee, and if you could trust anyone I think you could trust him."

As the principal agent of the contractor insisted on working on a percentage basis the War Office were faced with the question whether or not they could dispense with him.

"It was perfectly clear we could not get rid of him. He was practically sitting there, starting to work, and any delay in the erection of the huts would have been visited, I think, with the severest displeasure, not merely by Lord Kitchener himself, who would not have stood it for a moment, but by the general public too. It seemed clear to us that in the public interest we had to avail ourselves of the services of the principal agent."

The only question then left was, What were the best terms we could make with him? We proceeded, during the next two months, by letter and interview and every sort of persuasion we could apply, to endeavour to bring him to such terms as we thought reasonable. Finally, on October 8th, I saw him myself, and it was clear that we could get no further at that stage, and we arranged (temporarily) to look from him the least he would agree to—that he should have terms very similar to those which were finally put to the Treasury."

5 PER CENT. FOR OTHER FIRMS.

After that it was agreed by everybody concerned in the matter at the War Office that all those contractors who had done the same work should have some similar reward. In a letter of January 14th, 1915, to the "principal agent's" firm the Army Council were "prepared to sanction payments being made to you on the following terms:—

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At this time the capital expenditure was only a million and a half, and Major Baker said he did not himself believe that it would grow, or he would have considered the question of a diminishing percentage. He knew it by May, and then used every endeavour to try to persuade the "principal agent" to abate his claims.

Five per cent., with 1½ per cent. for establishment charges, having been paid to one contractor, Major Baker thought it would have been an impossible position to pay one and not to pay any of the others. All had to be treated alike. He did not think it was an unreasonable rate of pay on work of that kind. If there had been open competition they would not have got it on anything like those terms. If they had had to take the lowest of competitive tenders they would have lost two months in the hutting, which was of vital importance, and at the end very likely would have had to pay more because of the abnormal risks which all these contractors would have been certain to try to cover.

## IN A CLEFT STICK.

Sir Henry Craik, a member of the Committee, took a different view. "I want to bring this clearly out—that the principal agent did have you in a cleft stick by having got the position through what, on a previous occasion, I called his bogus offer to do this without remuneration?"

"I would not like to adopt your phrase, Sir Henry; he was in a strong position, certainly."

"Why should we not call a spade a spade?" asked Sir Henry. "This was a man who, by a pretended patriotic offer, got himself into such a position that he could dictate terms to you, and he then said: 'Either I stop or you must go on with the payment I demand.' Was not that the position?" "You have the advantage of me in being able to state your private opinion to the Committee," was Major Baker's reply.

There is much interesting matter on the Blue-book concerning the hutting arrangements at the beginning of the war. The design of huts which worked out at about £15 per man was originally adopted. That covered everything, including recreation-rooms, dining-rooms, baths, cookhouses, and so forth. Then came an order to exercise the most stringent economy, and by cutting off every possible comfort the estimate was got down to £10 a man.

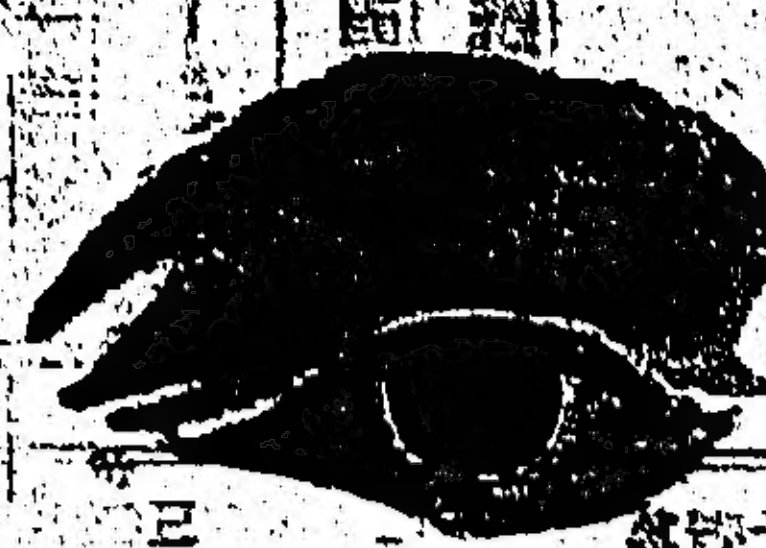
It was decided, however, by the Cabinet, that the Canadian troops coming to Salisbury Plain should have accommodation on the higher scale, but that all other troops must be content with the less luxurious standard.

However, no sooner had the huts "which cut down the amenities of life to the lowest extreme" been built than complaints came pouring in. It was said in various places and repeated in the House of Commons that the men were being housed more like beasts than men, and gradually very nearly the whole of the extras which had been cut off were reintroduced.

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Hongkong, Nov. 15, 1916. 1245

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Hongkong, Nov. 14, 1916. 1243

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The following LIGHTHOUSE GEAR, etc., viz:—  
One lighthouse apparatus, complete, including lamp, etc.  
Spare burner.  
Cylinders and valves.  
Incandescent Lamp, and accessories.  
A quantity of gear pertaining to Lighthouse Buoy.  
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A number of Locomotive wheels and Axles.  
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Hongkong, Nov. 14, 1916. 1242

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Hongkong, Oct. 19, 1916. 1261

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## THE WAR.

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SUNDAYS TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## "TERRIBLE CRISIS

FACING GERMANY."

## REMARKABLE LETTER BY HINDENBURG.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 18.

A letter written by Field-Marshal von Hindenburg to Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, has been published.

Hindenburg declares that Germany is facing a terrible crisis and that great changes are necessary to overcome it.

He denounces the failure of the Food Department to adequately feed the munition workers, the greed of the Agrarians in refusing to give up their products, and the sluggishness of the officials who do not realise that this is a war of life and death.

## THE VICTORY ON THE ANCRE.

OVER 6,000 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Sir Douglas Haig reports: Since the 13th 6,190 prisoners have been taken.

We heavily bombarded trench lines in the neighbourhood of Loos and Hulluch.

Aeroplane bombed two important junctions on the enemy's lines of communications.

Five enemy machines were brought down and five damaged. Three of ours are missing.

7,000 PRISONERS NOW COLLECTED.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says 7,000 prisoners have now been collected.

Our latest attack was a successful little enterprise by the Australians and others, who captured 300 yards of trenches south-east of "Butte-de-Warlen Court."

## ALLIED CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

TO ANSWER GERMAN'S MASS LEVY.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

An Allied Conference is being held here. The British representatives include Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, General Sir Douglas Haig and General Sir William Robertson.

LATER.  
The Daily Express Paris Correspondent states that the Allied Conference is considering military and economic measures in answer to Germany's mass levy.

## LIVELY ARTILLERY DUEL ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

A communiqué states that there is nothing to report on the whole front, except a lively artillery duel in the Sailly-lez-Lannoy region, north of the Somme.

## MUNICH STATION BOMBED.

FRENCH AIRMAN'S FLIGHT OF 438 MILES.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

A communiqué mentions that Captain Beauchamps, ascending at eight o'clock in the morning, flew to Munich, arriving at noon. He bombed the station as a reprisal for the German bombardment of the open towns of Arras and then, crossed the Alps and landed in Italy, twelve miles north of Venice. He covered 438 miles.

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## RUMANIA'S STRUGGLE.

KAISER'S ORDERS.

"ENEMY MUST BE DESTROYED."

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The Times correspondent at Bukharest reports that large German reinforcements have recently arrived on the Rumanian front.

Two new Divisions are operating in the Jiu Valley, under the command of General von Knobelsdorf, who was last mentioned west of Lutsk.

The Germans in the Aluta Valley are commanded by General Kneisel.

The 41st Prussian Division has been replaced by the 11th Bavarian Division in the Jiu region.

They have received orders from the Kaiser saying: "The enemy must be destroyed."

## RUMANIANS RETIRE SLIGHTLY.

FIGHTING EVERY INCH OF THE WAY.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

A Rumanian communiqué states: "We repulsed violent enemy attacks in the Fredal and Dragoslavele regions with heavy losses."

We were compelled to withdraw slightly in the direction of Tenculest in the Aluta Valley, and in the direction of Stanceni in the Jiu region where, however, we attacked on the wings and repulsed the enemy with serious losses.

We effectively bombarded Rastchik.

## FURTHER SUCCESSES IN THE BALKANS.

THE PROGRESS OF THE ALLIES.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

A French official message from Salonika states:

The British on the left of the Struma have captured Kavali.

The Franco-Serbians are advancing successfully in the Cerma region.

A division, after a desperate fight, stormed a ridge to the north of Ivan, in the Cerma loop, and repulsed three counter-attacks.

The Franco-Serbians, farther west, stormed Monastir Hill in the direction of Jaroslov. Cavalry captured Negotin, north-east of Kanak.

Four hundred prisoners were taken on the 16th inst.

## GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

MISCHIEVOUS RUMOURS OF SECRET PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

EMPHATIC DENIAL BY RUSSIAN PREMIER.

PARIS, Nov. 18.

The Russian Premier, telegraphing to the Russian Ambassador in Paris, denies the "absurd rumours of secret Russo-German negotiations with a view to a separate peace."

The Premier says Russia intends to fight the common enemy, beside her brave Allies, unflinchingly until the final victory. No hostile intrigue will weaken Russia's irrevocable decision.

## WILLING SACRIFICE FOR THE SAKE OF VICTORY.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18.

The Tsar has sent a telegram to the Council of State thanking them for the unanimous decision to sacrifice everything for the sake of final victory.

## POLISH VOLUNTEERS TO BE ENROLLED.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17.

A Berlin telegram states that the enrolment of Polish volunteers will begin on November 22nd.

## LATEST SUBMARINE SINKINGS AND CAPTURES.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

The following steamers have been sunk:—*E. Matassio*, British; *A. D. Davidoff*, American; *Yogo*, Ullang and *Torrida*, Norwegian; *Syllon*, Ibbie and *Joanis*, Greek; and *Giovanni*, Italian.

The Dutch steamer *Midland*, bound for Newcastle, has been taken into Zeebrugge by a German submarine.

The Danish barque *Vilak*, has been burnt by a submarine.

## THE FOOD REGULATIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The Food Regulations, published in the *Gazette*, empower the Board of Trade:

(1)—To prohibit the waste of any article and to decide what is waste.

(2)—To limit the use of any article.

(3)—To regulate manufacture and production and the manner of supplying the public market.

(4)—To fix maximum prices.

(5)—To commandeer stocks on terms to be fixed subsequently by an arbitrator.

(6)—To demand and to verify returns relating to stocks, contracts, cost, etc.

## ENEMY MILITARY CONFERENCE AT BELGRADE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

It is reported that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Falkenhayn and General Mackensen have had a conference at Belgrade.

## A NEUTRAL ZONE IN GREECE.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Entente's proposal of a neutral zone between the Royalists and Venizelists in Greece has been accepted in principle.

## TURKEY AND THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED BY TURKISH TRIBUNAL.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The Sultan of Turkey has confirmed the death sentence passed by a Turkish Tribunal on the Sultan of Egypt on the ground that he placed parts of Turkey under foreign rule.

## GENERAL SMUTS TO SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS.

THANKS AND GOOD ADVICE.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Reuter's Special Correspondent with General Smuts says, that, the General in thanking the troops who are returning to South Africa said he hoped they would help to maintain the South African contingent in Europe.

## THE COAL STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA.

MEN'S LEADERS RECOMMEND RESUMPTION OF WORK.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 17.

The coal strike conference has concluded. The miners recommend a resumption of work on pre-strike conditions, but stipulate that the Hon. Mr. H. B. Higgins, one of the judges of the Federal High Court, shall arbitrate. An early ballot has been arranged and a partial resumption of work forthwith is probable.

## WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR DUTCH STATES GENERAL.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17.

The Dutch Second Chamber has decided to make women eligible for membership of the States General.

## DOUBLE INCOME TAX.

AUSTRALIAN COMPANY MOVES FROM LONDON TO SYDNEY.

LONDON, Nov. 17.

Messrs. Farmer & Co. Australian merchants, have decided to remove their headquarters from London to Sydney to avoid double income tax.

## "DEUTSCHLAND" RETURNS TO PORT.

COLLISION WITH A TUG.

NEW LONDON, Conn. Nov. 17.

The submarine *Deutschland* has returned to port owing to a collision with the steamer *Edinburg*. The tug *Edinburg* was damaged by the collision.

The *Deutschland* damaged is not stated.

## INTIMATIONS

A. D. C. PERFORMANCE

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Hongkong, Oct. 24,





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## To-day's Advertisements

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## SATURDAY,

the 24th November, 1918, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 5, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—  
Carpets and Rugs, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, etc., Dining Tables and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs, etc., Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads, etc., Miscellaneous Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Piano, a few lots of Porcelain, etc., Pantry, Bath Room and Kitchen Utensils, etc.,

Also  
Brass Jardinières, Vases, Finger Bowls.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

Terms—Cash.  
HUGHES & HUGHES,  
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Hongkong, Nov. 20, 1918.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer  
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are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godown, where the Cargo will be at the disposal of the Consignees on and after 10th November. The Cargo will be at the disposal of the Consignees on and after 10th November. The Cargo will be at the disposal of the Consignees on and after 10th November.

Optional cargo will be loaded, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be stowed on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th November, will be subject to sale. The All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 8th December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, Nov. 20, 1918.

## THE DIARY.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20.—  
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood, Bicycles, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Electric Light Fittings, etc., at No. 1 Canton Villas, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

8 p.m.—Rehearsal of Bazaar scene in "Kismet" at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22 & THURSDAY, 23.—  
Christmas Mail via Siberia closes.

FRIDAY, Nov. 24.—  
Mr. Relato's Exhibition of Paintings: Part of Proceeds for War Charities.

SATURDAY, Nov. 25.—  
H.K. Cricket Club v. R.E. (Home).

SUNDAY, Nov. 26.—  
Queen of Norway's birthday (1899) (Princess Maud Charlotte).

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Heungshun."

THURSDAY, Nov. 28.—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

THURSDAY, Nov. 30.—  
St. Andrew's Day.  
"Hundred Day" for Scotch War Charities.

Thanksgiving Day in U.S.A.  
Scottish Concert in Theatre Royal, City Hall.

MONDAY, Dec. 1.—  
9 a.m.—General Booking Opens for "Kismet."

SATURDAY, Dec. 9.—  
Boxing Contests at the Victoria Recreation Club.

and we do not doubt that when the war is ended and normal conditions are restored in the Colony, and the pressure on the housing accommodation for Europeans begins to be acutely felt again, steps will be taken to make a start with the new suburb in the vicinity of Deep Water and Repulse Bays.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Owing to interruptions on the cable system, the acceptance of Deferred Telegrams to and via the United States of America is temporarily suspended.

Our report of the proceedings in the Marine Court against S.C. Townsend, the third officer of the *Oswego*, charged with absence without leave, was in error in describing him as the third engineer. We make the correction in justice to the third engineer.

Senor Carlos de Sotoca, the Spanish Consul at Shanghai, is leaving this week to take up a new appointment at Tampico, Mexico. Senor and Madame Sotoca last week were the recipients of many tokens of their popularity in Shanghai, from Chinese officials and from the Spanish community.

An agreement has been entered into between the Whangpoo Conservancy Board and the Works Office at Shanghai for the construction of a road to the Wosung Forts at an estimated cost of \$80,000. "This will mean," says a Shanghai contemporary, "the one motor and vehicle drive of any distance out of Shanghai, and should be a popular thoroughfare at any season of the year."

On the "Off Day" of the Shanghai races, Mr. Ellis Kadourie's stable evidently provided the spectators with two surprises. He won the Griffins Handicap with Derby Chief (Moller up), and the Hongkong Visitors Cup with Dainty Chief (Heard up). The pari-mutual in the first case paid \$50.00 for the win, and in the second case \$61.30. Dainty Chief also ran third for the "Amput" cup. Sir Paul's Coronet, Dahlia (Vida riding) was second in the race for the Tientsin Visitors' Cup, and Giant Dahlia second in the Mafco's Race.

The annual demonstration of the Hongkong (Chinese) Sunday School Union was held on Saturday afternoon in the City Hall and was in every way successful. The Bishop of Victoria presided over the meeting, the gathering crowding the Theatre to the doors. A varied programme of over 20 items was submitted, the various Sunday schools in the Colony and Kowloon participating. Mr. Fok Wing Cheong with an enthusiastic Committee made adequate arrangements. The Committee would express its thanks to the Harbour Master for the loan of flags, and to the Robinson Piano Co. for the free use of a piano.

"I shall hope to see in the *China Mail* to night," writes a correspondent—who signs himself "The Divinity Student"—"what precisely is meant in the Rumanian communiqué given in this morning's papers when it is stated that the Rumanians attacked the *backbone* of the enemy. The reading given in one of your contemporaries is the *backbone* of the enemy centre and right wing, while the other gives the telegram in a way which suggests that the centre and right wing constitute the *backbone*. There seems to my imperfect understanding something wrong about a statement which places a *backbone* in the right wing as well as in the centre. What says the *China Mail*? We think the puzzle is solved by regarding the word "*backbone*" as a mutilation in transmission of the word "*back-drove*," i.e. "*the Rumanians drove back the enemy centre and right wing*."

## CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

	3.30 p.m.
Banks	140 nominal
Union	160 nominal
Douglases	138 sellers
Indos Def.	138 buyers and 137 sellers
China Sugars	132 buyers
Malacca	38 buyers
Wharves	84 buyers
Centers	10.80 buyers
H.K. Tramways	170 buyers and 168 sellers

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## CHIEF JUSTICE DETERMINED TO PUT DOWN ROBBERY.

The calendar which opened this morning before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., was a light one.

**THE RETURNED BANISHEE.**  
Sentence to three years' hard labour for disobeying a banishment order, Chan Fu was told by the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Rees Davies, K.C., that he had evidently made up his mind to remain in the Colony and the Police were equally determined that he should not.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Wakeham, said the order made in April 1915, was for twenty years, and he had been banished on a previous occasion and had broken the order.

## ROBBERY TO STOP.

## HEAVY SENTENCE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Two prisoners charged with assaulting two people in Keswick Street and stealing gold bangles and a watch pleaded guilty to attempting to rob and denied the assault. "We went there with the intention of robbing but did not get away with the booty," was the statement of the prisoners.

His Lordship observed that attempted robbery came within the second charge and he presumed the plea would be accepted.

The Crown Solicitor received the plea and stated that according to the evidence, the second man was armed with an iron bar. One of them threw pepper in the eyes of the occupant of the house and then smothered him with a blanket. Another man was disturbed and shouted and the prisoners, as well as two of their companions, ran away. The first prisoner was arrested by P.C. Samy of the Reserve, and the second by a Chinese named Li Yau who lived opposite.

His Lordship said the offence was a serious one and he was determined to put down robbery which was being carried on in the Colony by men of their class. Had there been any wounds the sentence would have been heavier. He sentenced them to five years' hard labour and to receive 14 strokes with the cat.

His Lordship commended Li Yau for his smart action in arresting the second prisoner. His conduct was in every respect laudable and he would recommend him to the Police to be remunerated in some way.

## KNOCKED THROUGH A WINDOW.

## COOLIE DENIES CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

An independent coolie pleaded not guilty to an indictment of manslaughter in which another coolie lost his life after a quarrel over a few cents in Tai Wo Street, Wanchai, on Oct. 9th. The coolies occupied the third floor and deceased's bed was just under the window sill. Prisoner was seen standing on the deceased's bed and to strike deceased several times and apparently knocked him through the window. Deceased fell a distance of 50 feet and was killed instantly. His head was smashed and he had other injuries.

Plans and photographs were produced and evidence of the quarrel taken.

Dr. MacFarlane said the brain of deceased was shaken out, and his heart and liver were crushed.

The jurors were Messrs. W. M. Thompson (foreman), G. C. Botelho, M. J. Danenberg, L. O. Cousart, B. Gouldcorn, B. L. Bridger and F. M. L. Grace.

After hearing the evidence the Judge directed the jury to return a verdict of guilty, pointing out that although the prisoner had no business to push the deceased.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and pleaded for leniency, being of opinion that prisoner acted in self defence.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## SHADOWED AND CAUGHT.

While the *Jensen Maru* was alongside the Wharf yesterday a Chinese lad coolly went on board and entered the third officer's cabin and took an overcoat valued at \$30. He concealed it in an old jacket and was walking out of the cabin when he was stopped by a constable who had been watching his movements.

The thief was sentenced to two months in gaol and to four hours' stocks.

## A MEAN TRICKSTER.

Promising 16 coolie women that he would employ them as grass cutters, a Chinese at Sai-wan-ho, Shaikwan, collected 10 cents from each on the pretext of going to the Public Works Department to buy the necessary hooks. He took two of the women with him and when near the Cricket Ground asked them to wait there while he went to the P.W.D. and got the hooks. The man and the 16 coolie women had collected disappeared from human ken and it was not till some time later he was identified in the neighbourhood of Sai-wan-ho. A complaint was made to the Police whereby he was arrested. This morning he pleaded guilty before Mr. Hazland, who ordered his detention in gaol with hard labour for a month.

## WHISKY WANTED.

A case of whisky was found broken open on board the *Blue Funnell Ming Chow* yesterday and a coolie was observed to leave the wharf with a bottle concealed under his jacket. He received two months' hard labour for theft. Inspector Gordon prosecuted.

## FINED \$6,000.

Early this morning a search was made on a boat at one of the West Point Wharves and underneath some bed boards was found about 50 tins of prepared opium valued at \$610. A man was observed to try and escape through a skylight but he was held by the leg by a hukong, arrested and charged with being in possession. A fine of \$6,000, or twelve months' hard labour as the alternative penalty, was imposed by Mr. Hazland.

## ITALIAN CONVENT.

## SPLENDID SUCCESS OF OPENING DAY.

Gratifying success attended the annual Bazaar of the Italian Convent which opened on Saturday and was continued to-day. The financial result on Saturday exceeded by a few hundred dollars the opening day last year, and what is another pleasing fact was that all the tickets were sold. The labours of the sisters at the Convent are only too well-known and in these times of repeated calls upon one's purse it is a distinct pleasure to have to record such a success. They have worked zealously throughout the greater part of the year training the unfortunate homeless girls to make useful and serviceable articles, an abundance of which was displayed on the various stalls and met with general appreciation.

Lady May, who has for years now graced the Bazaar with her presence, was unfortunately unable to be present through indisposition which confined her to her room, but she sent a cheery little note in which she wished success to the undertaking. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, attended and took a keen interest in the exhibition of work, repeatedly expressing his appreciation of the work done.

Valuable outside assistance was rendered towards the prosperity of the Bazaar. Commodore Sandeman, B.N., kindly lent decorative material, and the Sisters desire to express their grateful thanks to all who helped in any way.

Six British Ministers have now lost sons in the war. They are—Mr. Aquich, Mr. E. W. Forster, Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Fike-Pase, Mr. Henderson, Lord Valentia.

## ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

It may be impossible to prevent an accident, but it is not impossible to be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller is not beyond anyone's purse, and with a bottle of this medicine you are prepared for most anything. I've seen it by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## THE KOWLOON SUBURB PROJECT.

## CONTRACT LET AND WORK STARTED.

## A BIG-CHINESE ENTERPRISE.

The contract for the first portion of the work on the Kowloon Suburb—an enterprise initiated by the late Dr. Kai Ho Kai and taken up by a company registered as the Kai Tack-Land Investment Co., Ltd.—has been let to the Kwong On Co. of Hongkong for a million and three quarters of dollars.

The Government has leased to the Company 132 acres of Crown Land at Kowloon Bay, New Kowloon, comprising portions of the foreshore and sea bed. This is to be converted into an important residential area for wealthy Chinese. Forty-seven sites are marked off on the plan, each occupying an area of from 170,000 to 200,000 square feet, so that there is room for residences of quite palatial dimensions with the necessary gardens.

The sea wall fronting the suburb will be a mile and a half in length, extending from the present glass works on the east to the Old Kowloon City on the west. To take off the water from the hills at the back of the Settlement four wide nullahs have been formed to run through the Settlement, with roads 42 ft wide on either side, thus giving a total width of 120 ft. The nullahs are to be spanned by thirty or forty reinforced concrete bridges. The main front road or Bund will be 175 feet in width, and the main central road will be 100 ft wide; and other roads intersecting the Settlement will be 50 ft wide.

It goes without the saying that the site was selected with special regard to its "fung-shui." There are the sacred rocks on one side, and the Lion's Head on the hills in the rear. The Settlement will occupy a site which is sheltered from the cold winds in winter and is exposed to all the breezes that blow across the harbour in summer. The Settlement is designed with a view to providing the most efficient drainage and sanitary systems.

The whole scheme is to be completed within five years.

The civil engineering works in connection with this important reclamation have been designed by Mr. F. R. J. Adams, of Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood, architects, civil engineers and surveyors, and will be carried out under his supervision.

## A PATRIOT'S WILL.

## TRIBUTE TO SELF-SACRIFICE OF HIS WIFE.

An example of the spirit in which thousands of Englishmen have joined the Army is shown in the will of Lance-Corporal Frank Roster Rogers, who before the war was a jeweller at 130, Regent-street, W. Mr. Rogers was killed in France on July 22, and the value of his property is \$308. The will, dated August 21, 1915, is as follows:—

I, Frank Roster Rogers, at present a private in the 14th Service Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Regimental No. 1203, having enlisted in the Army for the duration of the Great European War, give 25 to my mother, 25 each to my brothers and sisters, £10 to my aunt, and the residue to my beloved wife.

At the time of making this my last will and testament, I am expecting to be shortly leaving this country to fight for it and those whom I love so dearly. I may be sent either to France or the Dardanelles. Should it be our blessed Lord's will that I give my life for my King and country, I gladly lay it down for the greatest and most just cause the world has ever known.

Who dies if England lives? Should I be called upon to make the greatest of all sacrifices, I plead with each and every member of the family, and particularly my executors, to do all within their power to comfort and aid my beloved wife, and to arrange for the State pension which will be due to her.

In conclusion I should like to place upon record my high appreciation of her great love and noble spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion. Never on one single occasion has she ever tried to persuade me to swerve from the path of duty which lay so clearly before me. On the contrary, by her great love and encouragement, she has aided me far more than words of mine could ever depict.

The executors are Sir Hallowell Rogers, of Greville Lodge, Edgbaston, Birmingham; uncle, and Wilfrid Edward Rogers, of 133, Regent-street, brother.

## WHY IT SELLS.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world to-day, because it does exactly what a cough remedy is supposed to do. It stops the cough by curing the cold, and does it quickly and effectively. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## WHERE IS GENERAL LUNG CHAI KWONG?

## NEWS FROM HAINAN.

It has been commonly stated in the Chinese Press that General Lung Chai Kwong, the ex Tufah of Kwongtung, is still at Boca Tigris, near Whampoa, but our correspondent at Hainan writes that he arrived in that island on the 10th inst. Our correspondent, writing on the 13th inst, says:—

During the past month the officers of General Lung have been coming to Hainan by the thousands from Canton, bringing with them a large number of cannon, and quantities of ammunition, and other impediments of all kinds. They have kept all the coolies and wheelbarrows busy at good prices, moving their baggage to Kiangchow, where workmen are building a fine house for General Lung on the site of one of the ruined Yamens. At present he is living in the residence of the Military Governor of the Island. He himself arrived on the 10th inst. and went at once to Kiangchow.

Before he came the report reached us that General Luk had been appointed to the office of Governor-General. Rumour also said that he had refused to come, unless he could bring 7,000 soldiers with him. It was also said that the Generals of Lung informed the merchant guilds of Hoihow, that if Luk came with his soldiers, they would fight him. The merchant's are properly frightened, and it is reported that some of the most wealthy are seeking an asylum in Hongkong. It is reported that Generals Lung and Luk are deadly enemies, and even if they were friendly, it would be difficult in these two cities to find quarters for so many soldiers. They are now crowded with the few thousand brought by Lung.

We learn that the merchant guilds have given a banquet to General Lung, and have asked to have him arrange so that the peace of the island may be preserved, and that these cities may not be made the battle ground of these two generals who bring their troops from distant places.

## THE REVOLUTIONARIES IN HAINAN.

Our Correspondent at Hoihow, writing on Nov. 13, says:—  
Quiet has settled on Hainan, but many here say, that it is to be succeeded by more trouble than we have yet had. The revolutionaries have stopped fighting. Claiming that they had possession of the five Eastern Districts, they asked the officials to recognise them as ruling that region, and to withdraw the Government soldiers from Kachek. The reply was given, that there are no officials in Hainan who have authority to grant their request, and that in a short time the rebellion would be suppressed.

For a month there has been no fighting in these districts, and the missionaries at Kachek are rejoicing in the larger opportunities that the peace has brought to them.

**A KILLED HORSE REPLACED.**  
One missionary, Dr. Kelly, of Kachek, was shot at a few weeks ago, when he was caught between the lines during a sharp skirmish. The bullet missed him but killed the horse that he was leading. The rebel officers promptly returned his saddle and the baggage which his coolie had deserted during the fighting, with an apology, saying that the attack on him was a mistake. They have since given him a horse to replace the one that was killed.

## REFUGEES RETURN HOME.

The people who have come to Hoihow to escape giving contributions levied on them by the rebels have now generally returned to their homes, and are busy securing the harvest of their rice crop.

## A GOOD HARVEST.

The present crop of rice is said to be the best that Hainan has had for several years; the weather is bright and Hainan will have no fear of a famine this year.

## HERO OF 100 AIR FIGHTS.

## CAPTAIN BAILL'S "BAIL" OF 80 GERMAN AEROPLANES.

Captain and Flight Commander A. Bail, D.S.O., M.C., the 20-year-old Nottingham aviator, arrived in his native city recently on ten days' leave. In an interview he admitted that he modestly forbade the use of any other term than "Bail" taken part in over 100 air fights. During the four months he has been a fighting aviator in France he has destroyed some 30 German machines, and has himself been brought down six times, but without personal injury. "I have met only one German aviator who had any spirit," he said. "That," he added, "was the most sporting fight I had. We went at each other for half an hour, and then our ammunition went out, and we both came to a stop. Each other in mutual admiration. I have to meet this German again, he is a sportsman."



## THE WAR.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## BRITISH PROGRESSING ON THE ANCRE.

## A FURTHER 600 PRISONERS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. Reuter's Correspondent at the Headquarters on the Somme reports: Yesterday's most spirited attack gave us further valuable gains south of the Ancre on a front of 5,000 yards. We advanced a mean depth of 500 yards and penetrated the western outskirts of Grandcourt where bomb-fighting is progressing. On the extreme right, the main line of attack captured high ground due south of Mireumont from which point our patrols pushed further forward toward the village and captured prisoners.

On the North of the Ancre a corresponding advance was made. Already 600 prisoners have been taken in the southern attack.

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General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the situation is unchanged. The prisoners taken on the Ancre on Saturday numbered 772, which makes the total 6,062 since the 13th inst.

## THE VALUE OF THE "TANKS."

## ESTIMATED TO HAVE SAVED 20,000 LIVES.

LONDON, Nov. 19. Experts at the front agree that the "Tanks" by reducing enemy machine-gun positions and other strong points, have saved at least 20,000 lives.

## BRITISH CAVALRY ON THE ANCRE.

## A GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German official report mentions the appearance of English Cavalry on the Ancre, in conjunction with continued and more violent firing. It alleges that the succeeding attack failed except at a few points, but admits that the Germans were pressed back south-east of Serre and Grandcourt and a few points southward.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German official announcement says: The English effort to break through both banks of the Ancre, which was prepared by tremendous artillery, was shattered and fighting is proceeding at Grandcourt.

## THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Nov. 19. An official communiqué states:—There is nothing to report beyond the violent bombardment of the fort and the region of Douaumont.

## GERMAN AEROPLANE RAID.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German official announcement claims that German aeroplanes successfully bombed Furnes and the aerodrome at Courcelette, dropping 1,400 kilograms of explosives.

## SNOW IN EUROPE.

## WAR OPERATIONS HINDERED.

LONDON, Nov. 18. Snow is general. There are drifts 3 ft. high in Wales.

Trains in Germany are snow-bound. There has been a heavy snowfall in Florence.

Snow is hindering operations in the Balkans.

Correspondents at the Headquarters in France report that the weather is very cold with a keen east wind, and there is frost at night.

## THE ENEMY'S FLYING BASE AT ZEEBRUGGE.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 19. The captured liner *Brussels* at Zeebrugge is being used as a flying base.

## ALLIES ENTER MONASTIR.

## ENEMY RETREATING IN DISORDER BEFORE THE SERBIANS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A French communiqué says:—The Allied troops entered Monastir this morning.

Desperate Bulgarian counter-attacks in the Cerna loop were repulsed by the Serbians, the enemy retreating in disorder northward.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A German communiqué acknowledges the evacuation of Monastir, but claims progress against the Rumanians.

## THE BULGARIAN VERSION.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A Bulgarian official message states that a renewed attack by the Allies on the Cerna loop has failed.

## RUMANIAN FRONT.

## MORE SATISFACTORY NEWS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. A Rumanian communiqué says:—Enemy attacks on the Moldavian northern frontiers have been repulsed.

We continued to advance in the Dragoslavele region capturing four officers and 80 men, and two guns. Fighting in the Alt, Jiu and Giloi Valleys continues.

Firing has slackened on the Danube and Dobruja fronts.

## RUMANIANS PUSHED BACK SLIGHTLY.

A Russian communiqué says:—The enemy attacked with considerable forces in the Jiu and Alt Valleys, and pushed back the Rumanians slightly southward.

## A SUCCESSFUL RUMANIAN OFFENSIVE.

The Rumanians assumed the offensive in the Turgulj Valley and carried a series of heights.

## THE SUPERIORITY OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

BUKHAREST, Nov. 19. A semi-official announcement says that the retirement south of Turgulj is, especially due to the superiority of the enemy artillery.

## ALLEGIANCE TO THE KAISER.

## NEW POLISH ARMY TO TAKE THE OATH.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 18. The German paper at Lodz states that the new Polish Army is required to take the oath of allegiance to the Kaiser.

## NEUTRALS AND THE GERMAN POLISH PROCLAMATION.

ROME, Nov. 19. It is stated that the Vatican that all the neutral Powers have decided not to recognise the new Polish kingdom.

## THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN THRONE.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19. The *Postische Zeitung* states that on December 2nd the anniversary of the accession of Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria-Hungary, a Proclamation will be issued appointing Archduke Carl Franz Joseph, Regent of Austria-Hungary.

## GERMANS DETAIN A DUTCH LINER.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 19. The Germans are detaining the *Koningin Regentes* at Ostend on the pretext that the ship is carrying arms, which Dutch steamers are provided to prevent them from sinking if mined, are absolute contraband.

Three of the Dutch crew will be tried for aiding a British courier's escape. The remainder have arrived in Holland. The steamer's mails are being sent to Berlin.

## THE WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

## A SERIOUS OUTLOOK.

ROME, Nov. 19. The Report of the International Institute of Agriculture states that the world's wheat supply will be exhausted in 1917 if the harvest is again a failure, unless the Russian stocks are released.

## THE FOOD QUESTION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

## UNDIMINISHED LUXURY IN BRITISH RESTAURANTS.

LONDON, Nov. 19. Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, meets the restaurant proprietors on the 22nd inst., to discuss the economics of the food question.

Descriptions published regarding the London restaurants last night state that luxury is undiminished in the food palaces, which are crowded by glittering throngs. Costly menus and champagne are universal.

The latest to be suggested for the Food Control Bill is Mr. Whitley, the Deputy Speaker.

## THE WORK OF THE MAN-POWER BOARD.

LONDON, Nov. 19. The Man-Power Board has issued a revised list of certified occupations. Some occupations formerly certified are removed.

The age exemption has been generally raised. Single men are not reserved under 30 and married men under 25.

## "DEUTSCHLAND'S" CONDITION A SECRET.

## THE CAPTAIN SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE TUG.

NEW LONDON, Nov. 18. Strict secrecy is being kept regarding the *Deutschland's* condition. The sole survivor of the tug was the Captain of interned German steamer *Neckar*.

## CARGO URGENTLY REQUIRED IN GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. The German Embassy is frantic, declaring that the official mail and the cargo, which is most important, are urgently needed in Germany.

## ESSEN BOMBED.

PARIS, Nov. 19. Captain Beauchamps, the French long distance flying specialist, has lately bombed Essen.

## PRESSURE ON GERMAN RAILWAYS.

## TRADE GOODS TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 19. The transport of German trade goods on German railways has been suspended for three days owing to the overwhelming transport of provisions and war material.

## A LOAN TO CHINA.

## £1,000,000 BY A CHICAGO BANK.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. It is announced that the Continental Commercial Bank of Chicago has concluded a loan of \$1,000,000 sterling to China.

Mr. Lansing intimates that the State Department will support such enterprises.

## GREAT FIRE IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD.

LONDON, Nov. 19. The huge warehouse of the Stafford Northcote firm in St. Paul's Churchyard was gutted by fire last night. Searchlights played on the flames to assist the firemen who were hampered by the darkness.

Thousands motored from the West End, thinking the glare meant that another Zeppelin had been brought down.

## THE KING'S EQUERRY.

LONDON, Nov. 20. The London Gazette announces that Viscount Erington has been appointed Equerry in Ordinary and Private Secretary to his Majesty the King.

## EARLY COLD.

DEARLY of the cold you feel at this time of the year. They are particularly dangerous. A registered cold may mean a winter-long cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE ANCRE VICTORY.

## FURTHER ADVANCE OF ANCRE FRONT.

LONDON, Nov. 18. General Sir Douglas Haig reports: Our position has been advanced north-east of Beaumont Hamel and north of Beaucourt. The enemy heavily shelled Beaumont Hamel and Hebuterne.

We successfully raided a redoubt north of Ypres.

LONDON, Nov. 19. General Sir Douglas Haig reports: Despite the storms prevailing, we advanced our front north and south of the Ancre, chiefly on the south, where we reached the outskirts of Grandcourt, taking 238 prisoners.

Eight enemy aeroplanes were driven down; three of our machines are missing.

## ENEMY REPULSED ON THE SOMME.

## EXTENSIVE AIR ATTACKS BY ALLIES.

PARIS, Nov. 18. A communiqué says:—On the Somme front the weather has been bad. Last night was calm and six aeroplanes were brought down.

PARIS, Nov. 19. A communiqué says:—A German attack east of Bety, south of the Somme, was repulsed with artillery and grenades.

An air squadron dropped 157 bombs on German aerodromes at Golaucourt and Griselles.

Twenty-two British aeroplanes dropped 180 bombs on electricity and naval works at Ostend on the 17th inst. Zeebrugge was also bombed.

## FIERCE FIGHTING ON RUMANIAN FRONT.

## ENEMY PUSHED BACK IN DRAGOSLAVELE REGION.

LONDON, Nov. 18. A Rumanian communiqué states that in the Dragoslavele region the Rumanians drove back the enemy centre and right wing, making appreciable progress and taking 800 prisoners.

Fierce fighting continues in the Alt and Jiu Valleys, where the Rumanians yielded a little ground. The position is unchanged.

## CONTINUED RUSSIAN PROGRESS ON THE DANUBE.

LONDON, Nov. 18. A Russian communiqué states:—Persistent enemy attacks continue in the Alt and Jiu Valleys. We are continuing to progress on the Danube front.

## BRITISH CONSOLIDATE GAINS ON THE STRUMA.

## ADVANCED POSTS PUSHED FORWARD.

SALONIKA, Nov. 18. An official report states:—We have consolidated the ground gained in the Struma Valley and pushed forward our advanced posts.

We successfully bombed an enemy camp north-east of Seres.

## BULGARIAN COUNTER-ATTACK REPULSED.

PARIS, Nov. 18. On the left bank of the Struma the British repulsed at Baraki a violent Bulgarian counter-attack.

## THE SERBIAN ADVANCE.

LONDON, Nov. 18. East of the Cerna the Serbians captured trenches to a depth of 800 metres at the bend of the river. The Serbians also stormed a height north-west of Yven, the Bulgarians losing heavily.

On the Monastir Plain the Serbians progressed in the direction of Monastir, reaching the approaches to Kanina.

## SERBIANS CAPTURE EQUIPMENT.

LATER. A Serbian official report states:—In fleeing from Cerna the enemy left all equipment, including numerous machine guns, and enormous quantities of cartridges and stores.

## GREEK NATIONALIST TROOPS.

## CO-OPERATE WITH BRITISH.

ATHENS, Nov. 19. The Greek Nationalist troops co-operated with the British in the occupation of Domunalia where they captured 400 Bulgarians.

## MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An official report from Mesopotamia states:—British aeroplanes bombed a hostile gathering at Alsin and an enemy aerodrome in the neighbourhood of Kut-al-Amara.

## RUSSIA'S DETERMINATION TO CONQUER.

## ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES IN THE DUMA.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18. In the Duma, amid great enthusiasm, the Minister of War detailed the enormous increase in Russia's output of munitions since 1st January, 1915, and declared:—"We must and shall conquer: no power on earth is capable of conquering Russia." The Minister of Marine repeated that "the war would be waged to the end" and took his place by the side of the Minister of War, whereupon the members rushed from their seats and surrounded the two Ministers, cheering frantically.

M. Rodicheff said such profound, useful words had rarely been spoken. The Army would fight to the end. The Duma desired nothing else and only assembled to further that object.

## THE "DEUTSCHLAND" COLLISION.

## ACTION BY OWNERS OF SUNKEN TUG.

NEWRY, Conn., Nov. 19. The owners of the tug which was sunk when towing the *Deutschland* have instituted an action for \$12,000 damages against the *Deutschland* for colliding with it.

## BRITISH POST IN EAST AFRICA INVESTED.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An East African official report states that the enemy, on the 8th inst., attacked and invested a small British post at Malangali. A column from Ruhudje River attacked the enemy force in the rear, defeating and dispersing it.

## RUSSIANS BRING DOWN A SUPER-ZEPPELIN.

## CREW, GUNS, AND BOMBS CAPTURED.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18. Near Saray the Russians brought down a Super-Zeppelin, capturing the crew of sixteen, three guns, two machine guns and 5 cwt. of bombs.

## SUBMARINE PIRACY.

## PORTUGUESE VICTIMS.

LAS PALMAS, Nov. 19. The Portuguese sailor *Emilia* has been torpedoed. The crew was saved. The Portuguese steamer *Machico* (late German steamer *Colmar*) is missing. It is feared she has been submarined.

## EFFECTIVE AIRCRAFT ATTACK.

## ENEMY CAMP BOMBED.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An official report from Egypt states:—Our aircraft surprised and attacked an enemy camp at Masidi yesterday morning, when 800 lbs. of explosives were dropped effectively. Our machines returned.

## AN INDIAN BORDER ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 18. An official report from India states:—We engaged Mohmand forces estimated to number 5,000 on the border opposite Shikhar on the 16th inst. The enemy lost 100 killed or severely wounded.

## FIRST SERBIAN MINISTER IN U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. M. Mitrailovich has been appointed first Serbian Minister in the United States.

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## THE "TANKS."

In likening the "tank" to an ichthyosaurus Mr. Philip Gibbs was thinking, no doubt, of its uncanny appearance. But the *Blind* goes further. For what said Dr. Bockland when this monster first revealed himself? "It" said he, "we examine these creatures with a view to their capabilities of locomotion, and the means of offence and defence, which their extraordinary structure afforded them, we shall find combinations of form and mechanical contrivances which are now dispersed through various classes and orders of existing animals, but are no longer united in the same genus." Armed with enormous jaws and keen and furnished with bony sclerotic plates, the ichthyosaurus was admirably adapted for their life of warfare. So that the fish lizard would seem to fit the "tank" to a "T."

Why this fish lizard's name for a monster car? demands a correspondent. There can be only one name that is possible—"Hastaterra."

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## BLIND SHORTHAND WRITERS.

## WONDERS OF THE BRAILLE SYSTEM.

## TRAINING OF SOLDIERS BEGINS IN THE WAR.

The success of the tuition for blinded soldiers and sailors at St. Dunstan's Hostel, Regent's-park, is one of the most astonishing pieces of war work, and probably one of the most remarkable facts about it is that with only a few months' training the host should have been able to turn out as expert shorthand writers and typists, fit to take their place in the open market, men who have been entirely deprived of their sight.

"A short time ago," Sir Arthur Pearson, the Chairman, told the "Daily Chronicle" representative, "I received a letter from a wealthy individual who stated that he should have been glad to send a handsome donation to St. Dunstan's but for the fact that he understood that we went in for such 'theoretical nonsense as pretending to teach blinded men to be shorthand writers and typists.' I confess that to me, accustomed as I am to the uncanny expertness of the blind, this ability of theirs to write shorthand is still amazing. Typewriting, I know from my own experience, is quite simple, but the acquisition of the Braille system of shorthand does really make unusual demands upon the intelligence, and one would imagine that years would be required for its mastery."

## NOT A WAR COUNSELLOR.

Sir Arthur produced a letter he had just received from Harold Platt, late private in the 1st-7th Manchester, who was totally blinded at the Dardanelles on June 8th of last year, and who was at St. Dunstan's for eight months. He is now employed by the United Yeast Company, of Clackwell, at whose Manchester branch he held a position before joining the Army.

"I have done far better than I expected," he states. "My shorthand speed has proved quite sufficient, and my typewriting has been valued up to the mark. Indeed, I have on 12 occasions been described as the best typist in the office. My wage has been fixed at 30s. a week, with an extra bonus at the end of each month to reward the extra work done. For the benefit of future blinded soldiers, Sir Arthur Pearson, who has been a war councillor, has decided to send a letter to the War Office, asking that the training of blinded soldiers should be continued after the war."

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"I think that letter speaks for itself," was Sir Arthur's comment. "Platt was one of three, and the other two have just gone into similar positions. Massage, telephone operating, poultry farming and market gardening, cobbling, basket and mat making, and joinery are among the occupations taught at St. Dunstan's."

## GERMAN STRATEGY.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Milan correspondent states that the German supreme command, having adopted the principle of a single front, has decided that there shall be no longer the Bulgarian, Turkish, Austrian, and Italian, but a single army at the absolute disposition of the German High Command, which will see that each sector of the front has properly proportioned effectives, and will thereby be enabled to solve the important problem of reserves. Only pure defensive is contemplated in the West and an active offensive on the Russian front. In contradiction of this, the *Express* Rome correspondent quotes Sir Arthur Pearson as saying that the Central Powers are pressing Turkey for more troops to reinforce Macedonia.

The "Petit Parisien's" Petrograd correspondent declares it is impossible for Mackensen to press to the left bank of the Danube. It is probable that he will fortify himself north of the railway and await the result of Falkenhayn's operations.

The "Morning Post's" military correspondent assumes that Mackensen hopes to round up his adversaries in the Danube delta, and thinks he may find the operation somewhat difficult, as the country will afford defensive positions at least as good as those south of the railway, and the command of the sea and the Danube estuary with Port-Salut will go far to compensate the Allies for the loss of their railway communications.

The correspondent defends the speed of the railway communications, and considers that events have proved that the best typist in the office. My wage has been fixed at 30s. a week, with an extra bonus at the end of each month to reward the extra work done. For the benefit of future blinded soldiers, Sir Arthur Pearson, who has been a war councillor, has decided to send a letter to the War Office, asking that the training of blinded soldiers should be continued after the war."











## SPORTING.

## CRICKET.

## VOLUNTEERS DEFEATED BY RESERVES.

The Reserves surprised themselves on Saturday by putting up a 215 run and declaring the innings closed for nine wickets against the Volunteers. The pitch was hard and against the bowlers and the bowling at the outset was of inferior quality. The Reserves opened steadily, Pearce and Evans respectively finding the boundary. Kennedy was not on best form at the wicket and Extras mounted up, eventually totalling 36 runs while the Volunteers were only able to get one from this source. Brown gave up a weak catch to Mac in the slips when he was at eleven. Bewick followed and considering he has played very little cricket this year gave an interesting show, hitting four with fine vigour and snatching ones and twos in the field. Evans smartly held a loft by Pearce of Bragg. Taylor was unfortunate. He badly timed a delivery from Stalker and clipped it with his blade sending a simply catch into Mitchell's open hands. With Bird in with Bewick the batting revived and when Bewick was bowled by Evans after 24 runs, Hancock came out and had the field guessing. He batted well, hitting out and reaching the boundary on thirteen occasions and once securing a six through a hit which cleared the hedge near the Pavilion. For a time he was partnered by the new Mr. Claude Ferner who stood by with an occasional hit allowing Hancock to steadily make the runs. The hon. member after the first few hits settled down to hard work and quick running and was able to add a valuable 20 runs to the total before Stalker shattered his stumps. At 4 o'clock the Reserves had made 191 runs for eight wickets and with Thurfield batting carefully another 24 runs were added. Hancock then met his did misadventure, being caught easily by Stalker off Marley, having contributed 74 runs. He recalled the side and declared for 215 runs. Marley was well on the wicket and took Bird's and Hancock's wickets in his second over.

The Volunteers started in at 4.15 p.m. and opened fairly well but after the fourth wicket had fallen a dry rot set in which was not removed. The wickets fell fast. Both Mac and the skipper, and Stalker, usually reliable cricketers, were dismissed before scoring. Pearce had the best bowling average, taking three for ten. The scores and bowling analyses were:

RESERVES.					
T. E. Pearce, c Evans, b Bragg...	14				
A. O. Brown, c Mac, b Bragg...	11				
C. Bewick, c Evans...	11				
H. E. Taylor, c Mitchell, b Stalker...	10				
B. E. O. Bird, c Kennedy, b Marley...	16				
H. Hancock, c Stalker, b Marley...	74				
H. Hancock, c Bragg, b Marley...	10				
S. F. Green, b Syme, Thomson...	4				
Hon. Mr. Claude Ferner, c Bragg, b Stalker...	28				
R. P. Thurfield, not out...	10				
E. W. Dawson, did not bat...	46				
Extras...	36				
Total for 9 wks...	215				
	O.	M.	E.	W.	
J. Stalker...	11	1	47	2	
J. V. Bragg...	3	0	30	1	
B. D. Evans...	3	0	30	1	
G. E. Marley...	6.3	1	29	3	
F. Syme Thomson...	4	0	13	1	
K. Bragg...	2	0	14	0	

VOLUNTEERS.					
R. O. Hutchinson, c and b Taylor...	5				
E. J. R. Mitchell, c H. Hancock...	27				
Taylor...	27				
B. D. Evans, b Taylor...	2				
G. E. Marley, c H. Hancock, b Bird...	28				
J. V. Bragg, c Taylor, b Bird...	42				
R. M. Austin, c Taylor, b Pearce...	3				
K. Bragg, c Taylor, b Bird...	0				
J. Stalker, c and b Pearce...	0				
M. M. Mac, c Brown, b Bird...	0				
F. Syme Thomson, c Green, b Pearce...	0				
R. Kennedy, not out...	0				
Extras...	1				
Total...	115				
	O.	M.	E.	W.	
R. E. O. Bird...	13	6	44	4	
H. E. Taylor...	8	0	60	3	
T. E. Pearce...	4.5	1	10	3	

Low scoring was the general order of the match between the Civil Service & H.M.S. "Tamar". The former won by 18 runs. Scores:

CIVIL SERVICE.					
R. A. E. Ponsbury, c and b Pratt...	18				
J. D. Wright, c Rogers...	9				
B. C. Wittell, c Rogers, b Pratt...	0				
C. F. Mason, c Stow, b Rogers...	0				
C. Sara, b Rogers...	0				
P. T. Lambie, b Rogers...	13				
E. V. Hamilton, c Stow, b Rogers...	5				
E. J. Ling, c Golland...	0				
G. J. Tucci, b Pratt...	13				
S. Alderman, not out...	1				
R. Beane, c Golland, b Pratt...	8				
Extras...	8				
Total...	61				
	O.	M.	E.	W.	
Hamilton...	12	35	4		
Witchell...	12	18	5		

33rd Coy. R.G. & K.C.C. Match between Kowloon C.C. and 33rd Coy. R.G. & K.C.C. played at Kowloon on Saturday. The home team gave a weak show. Scores:

K.C.C.					
Lt. F. H. Baker, c C. J. Shipleton, b Weaver...	14				
Bombardier, b Weaver...	37				
Gunner, Taylor, c and b Shipleton...	17				
Cr. A. Palmer, c and b Shipleton...	0				
M. G. G. Harton, c Shipleton, b MacKenzie...	0				
Kent...	0				
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MATCH CANCELLED.

We understand that the match between Iron Box and Jerry Morgan (Miles) has been cancelled through the action of certain authorities ordering Morgan not to fight a coloured man.

## STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Other Vessels.

The E. & A. S. Eastern left Sydney on the 18th November for this port (via Queensland Ports and Manila), and may be expected to arrive here on or about December 6th.

The S.S. Shirata from Calcutta, may be expected here on or about the 20th November.

Latest Advice.

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